



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-388-A)

PATENT

In the Application of:	)	
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Nolan et al.	)	
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Serial No.: 09/851,743	)	Before the Examiner:
	)	S. J. Sharareh
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Filed: May 9, 2001	)	Group Art Unit: 1617
	)	
For: Methods for Testing Compounds Useful	)	
In Treating Diabetic Complications	)	

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION  
MAILED JULY 28, 2004

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action, mailed July 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks. Remarks begin at page 5 of this response.

**Status of the Claims in the application**

Claims 1 and 13 as herein amended, and claims 2-4, 6-7, 14-16, 18-19, 25-26, 28-31, and 33-35 are pending in the application. The amendments are supported throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, and thus do not constitute new matter. The grounds of rejection asserted in the Official Action have been overcome by amendment or traversed by argument below.